

# Ballynanty Rovers A.F.C.



The first-ever Ballynanty Rovers side who competed in the under-16 grade in the season 1955-56. Front row (l. to r.)—Paddy Wallace, Frank McInerney, Tadgh Bennis, Tom Donoghue, Eddie Power, Sean Moloney, Noel Tobin, Pat Power (Hon. Sec.). Back row—Jim McInerney, Charlie Hemenstall, John Horrigan, Noel Bowman, Martin Cowhey, Paddy Cusack, Oily Harrigan, Edgar Woodrow.

**BALLYNANTY ROVERS** may be one of the babes of Limerick football, but they have accomplished enough in their thirteen-year history to mark them as a team of the future. When Pat Morrissey, Christopher Cahill, Michael Falahee and Thomas Cross founded the Club in May, 1953, little did they think that their club would reach such great heights, for Ballynanty, young as they are, have made a great impact on the local football scene and have already collected some twenty-seven trophies between schoolboy, minor and junior grades.

Ballynanty started out in under 16 ranks, and gave promise of what was to come when they finished second in the league. In 1955 they were joined by Michael Waters (R.I.P.), Pat Power, Willie Moran, William Wallace (R.I.P.), Pat McLaughlin, Edgar Woodrow (now in America), and with such an able Committee to look after affairs they decided to enter minor football. Then came the step to junior football the following year, when under the captaincy of Tom O'Donohue the club won their first-ever trophies, the Campton and the Boxing Cups, in Tipperary.

going under 3-2 to crack Virginians (Dublin) side, in the quarter finals. Their captain that season was Noel Tobin, who later led his side to victory in the North Munster Cup when they beat St. Michael's by 3-1 in the final. Their team that season was: P. Murphy, M. Bennis, B. Barrett, P. Cusack, T. O'Donoghue, P. Croke, N. Tobin, G. Tobin, G. Carroll, F. Nealon and C. Tobin.

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played against Glasheen was: P. Murphy, D. Killeen, J. Harrigan, N. Morrissey, G. Barry, P. O'Halloran, A. Fitzgerald, R. Kelly, D. A. Bussoli, C. Tobin and N. Joyce. Another trophy came they way the same season, their under-13s winning the league for the first time. The Ballynanty side was: B. Cunningham, J. Fitzgerald, A. Ahern, S. Carroll, L. Cleary (capt.), A. Cronin, C. Moane, F. Wharton, W. Carroll, A. Killeen, and Henry Sheehan.

### LAWSON CUP

Paul Croke, who is at present playing with Eike Rvs, took over captaincy of Ballynanty Rovers in 1958-59, and had the satisfaction of guiding them to another success in the junior league. Peter O'Halloran, who later started with Limerick A.R.C., led the minors to victory in the league. Season 1959-60 saw Ballynanty retain the Junior League for the third year in succession, and two goals in the last five minutes brought Limerick's major trophy, the Lawson Cup, to the club for the first time. The unlucky victims were Limerick 'B', who led 3-2 with six minutes remaining, but faltered under constant pressure from a lively Ballynanty front line. Balls had their star players in A. O'Donnell, P. Croke, A. Fitzgerald, G. Tobin, and the Cusack brothers, Sean (captain) and Paddy.

### JUNIOR LEAGUE

Ballynanty Rovers made history in 1962-63 when they annexed the Junior League for the fifth time under the leadership of Paddy Cusack, who is still doing "trick" work for the club. Ballynanty schoolboys began to let their presence be felt the same season, and gained their second success in under age ranks when they beat the Shamrocks, when the O'Donnell, son of the noted ex-Limerick player, 'Phonnie', skippered the under 15 side, to win the Liam Whelan Shield for the first time.

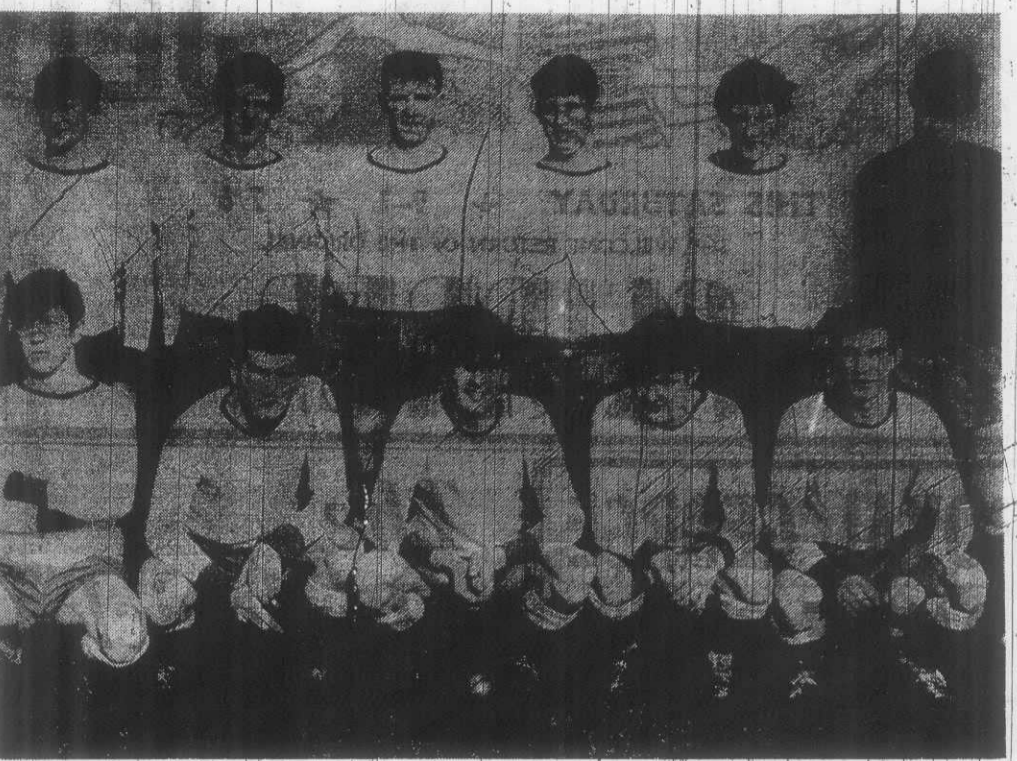
League and Minor Cups. They also won the F. Lyons Cup final when scoring a sensational victory over F.A.I. and Munster Junior Cup winners, Fairview Rangers. The Ballynanty team was: O'Brien, Cusack, J. Fitzgerald, F. Hoffer, V. Kiely, T. Cross, P. O'Neill, A. Fitzgerald, P. Hackett, G. Tobin, T. Moran and P. Cusack.

### F.A.I. CUPS

The club made history this season by being the first ever to represent Limerick in both the F.A.I. Minor and Junior Cups. Their minor eleven won the Kenneally Cup with a fine 4-0 win over Prospect, but later went under in extra time to Waterford Bohemians in the quarter-final of the Minor Cup. The youths won the Ingle Cup (Limerick Area Final of the Munster Cup) by beating Prospect 4-0, and had a runaway 5-1 victory over Clonmel in the semi-final a fortnight ago. They are due to meet the Cork area winners in the Munster minor final at Cork to-morrow. Ballynanty are confident that they will capture the trophy for the first time, and with such players as David McMahon, Noel Morgan, Denis Hogan and Dick Smith on their books, they have a reasonably good chance of success.

### OFFICIALS

Besides those already mentioned, the club have had some great committee men in the past, among them being Sean Cusack, who has represented the Republic in a full international. His brother, Paddy, has also done tremendous work to put Ballynanty where they are today. The Cusack name is very prominent in the Ballynanty Club for Sean's two sons, Declan and Kieran, are playing in senior ranks. The Cork area internationalist, Christy Tobin, has also done his share, while older players will remember Willie Fitzgerald (now in New Zealand) and Martin Cowhey, who later guided Fairview to winning the F.A.I. Junior Cup. Then there is Larry, Tony and John Fitzgerald, all of whom are responsible in a big way for Ballynanty's rise to fame. John also plays rugby with Young Munster. They have a most efficient secretary in Tony David McMahon, who seldom takes credit for all the work he is doing. Officers are: Hon. president, Sean Cusack; chairman, Christy Tobin; vice-chairman, A. O'Donnell; hon. treasurer, A. Fitzgerald; secretary, Anthony Cronin; assistant secretary, David McMahon. Committee: Pat Cusack, John Fitzgerald, Joe Bourke, E. Morrissey, Tony Meaney, Terry Moran, Mick Purcell, Larry Fitzgerald, Dick Smith, Pat Dineen and John Crowe.



The Kenneally Cup and Ingle Cup winners who will meet Glasheen at Flower Lodge, Cork, to-morrow in the Munster minor football final. Front row (l. to r.)—Pat "Junior" Williams, Dave McMahon, Dick Smith (capt.), Noel Morgan, Michael O'Donnell. Back row—Tom McCarthy, Denis Hogan, Pat McGarry, Pat Dinneen, Tony Meaney, John Crowe.



The 1965 under-15 team who reached the semi-final of the Evans Cup. Front row (l. to r.)—David Culhane, Leslie Walters, John King, Kieran Cusack, Dermot Glynn, Kay O'Halloran. Back row—John O'Brien, Tony Meaney, Joe Bourke, John Crowe, Noel O'Donnell, Declan O'Reilly.

### Traffic arrangements for Sunday's games

Patrons from counties east of the Shannon, i.e., Cork, Waterford, Tipperary, Limerick, etc., will have to park in parking places in the city. Patrons attending the matches from those counties will not be permitted to take their vehicles across Sarsfield Bridge, Matthew Bridge or Thomond Bridge. Patrons attending the matches are earnestly requested to comply with this request and to park in the city.

### The story of a Prisoner

The Limerick Branch of Amnesty International announces exciting developments in its fight to release its prisoners of conscience. Jim Doolley has made contact with a Rhodesian prisoner in Gonakudzingwa Restriction Camp, Enos Choga, who has been placed under restriction for five years from December 1955 for being a member of Joshua Nkomo's Zimbabwe African People's Union (Z.A.P.U.). The Limerick Branch want now, if possible, to do something to help his family.

### Fined

Sean Leonard, 2, William Street, Limerick, was fined a total of £18 by Justice M. de Burca at Limerick City Court this Friday. He was convicted for having no stop lamps, traffic indicators, rear-view mirror and three of the tyres bald on his pick-up truck on January 21 last.

### Speeding

A Clonmelman, Mervyn Guile, was fined £4 by Justice M. de Burca at Limerick City Court this Friday. He was convicted for exceeding the 30 m.p.h. speed limit on the Ennis Road on March 5 last.

### New Co. Council Chairman

Mr. Sean Hayes (Labour) was to-day elected Chairman of the Limerick Co. Council by 14 votes to 13 for Mr. J. J. Collins, T.D. (F.F.), as forecast by "Vigilans".

### Church Notices

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

St. Mary's Cathedral—Maitins and Holy Communion, 11 a.m.; Processional Hymn, 417; Responses (Tallis); Venite, 186; Psalm, 103; Chant, 193; Jubilate, Stanford in B flat; Anthem: "Lord, for Thy tender mercies sake" (Ferrant); Kyrie; Credo. M. Shaw, Hymn, 656; Preacher, The Dean. Evensong, 7 p.m.; Processional Hymn, 505; Responses (Tallis); Psalm, 138; Chant, 40; Magnificat, 67; Nunc Dimittis, 68; Hymns, 486, 335, 41. Holy Communion, 8 o'clock.

Holy Communion at St. Michael's, 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion at St. James', 10 a.m. Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at Trinity Church, 11.30 o'clock.

There will be no evening services during the months June to August.

Mallow Street Hall—Breaching of Bread, 11 a.m. Children's Service, 3 p.m. Gospel Service, 8 p.m.

METHODIST CHURCH  
O'Connell Street.

Morning Service 11.30 o'clock. Preacher, Rev. A. E. Nelson. Evening Service 8.15 o'clock. Preacher, Rev. A. E. Nelson.

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